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A great service might have been rendered by a discriminating reference at the end of every chapter. A future edition might well be improved by this important addition.

WILLIAM HEALY

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The Socialist Movement. By J. RAMSAY MACDONALD, M.P. New York. Henry Holt & Co., 1911. Pp. xiii+256.

The book consists of four parts: (1) "Socialist Evolution"; being a discussion of individualistic and socialistic tendencies in politics, economics, and industry. (2) "Socialist Criticism"; being a recital of the usual imputations, strictures, and charges against capitalism. (3) "Socialist Construction"; being a good exposition of what socialism is not, of the immediate demands of socialism, and of the socialist state. (4) "The Socialist Movement"; being a short account of the movement including the Utopians, Marxians, and the German, French, Italian, Belgian, and American parties.

Whatever the author did he did well. The argument lacks the rigor and vigor of the Marxian, becoming at many points so mild as hardly to be distinguished from a plan of meliorism which seeks not to overthrow the fundamental institutions but to improve them. The method of revolution, economic determinism, class struggle, the abolition of all private property are alike read out of court as not essential to or representative of genuine modern socialism.

The author has packed much into the small compass of the volume. He has taken such reasonable positions on most points that he will not antagonize those who differ from him in belief but will invite them to "come and reason together." I heartily commend the book to Socialists and non-Socialists alike.

T. J. RILEY

"Obscene" Literature and Constitutional Law. A Forensic Defense of the Freedom of the Press. By THEODORE SCHROEDER. New York, Privately printed, 1911. Pp. 439.

The problem of obscenity under the law is important and difficult, and a scholarly and dispassionate discussion of it would be welcomed. The tone of the present treatise, however, displays a want of judicial temper and sometimes a want of dignity. Such phrases as "I cannot for the life of me conceive," or "pee-wee clerk," or "the varied intellectual wabblings of the United States courts" are in doubtful taste.